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WE HAVE RECEIVED VARIOUS REPORTS IN RECENT WEEKS THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE APPROACHED REPRESENTATIVES OF HOST GOVERNMENTS OF INFO ADDRESSEE POSTS (EXCEPT SAIGON) TO URGE THAT THEY FOLLOW THE "FRENCH EXAMPLE" AS A SUITABLE WAY OF HANDLING PRG REPRESENTATION IN THEIR COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS THESE DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE QUAI WHICH, WE IMAGINE, IS AWARE OF SUCH UNSURPRISING DRV EFFORTS TO EXPLOIT THE
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ISSUE. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT STEPS THE

GOF IS TAKING TO ASSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS IN QUESTION,
AS WELL AS OTHER POTENTIAL DRV TARGETS, HAVE A REALISTIC
PICTURE OF CURRENT PRG REPRESENTATION IN FRANCE- WE ARE
CONCERNED, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT JAPANESE SKEPTICISM OF
FRENCH EXPLANATIONS (PARA 5 REF B). ARE THERE ANY
AUTHORITATIVE GOF PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH COULD BE READ
AS OPPOSITION TO "THREE VIET-NAMS" WHICH MIGHT BE CITED? SISCO

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